

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Yotaro KONISHI et al.

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For: METHOD OF TREATING DIABETES AND OBESITY USING CARBOHYDRATE  
ABSORPTION INHIBITORS (AS AMENDED)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

March 19, 2004

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows: